(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had sought sanction of present Governor of Bihar to prosecute Chief Minister Smt. Rabri Devi and Sh. Laloo Yadav as reported in the Pioneer dated 9th March, 2000;

(b) if so, whether prosecution has been sought on genuine grounds;

(c) what are the facts with details thereof;

(d) whether C.B.I. had prosecuted any other persons on similar ground during the last five years; and

(e) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) According to information received from the Central Bureau of Investigation, it had sought sanction for prosecution in respect of Shri Laloo Prasad, former Chief Minister of Bihar, and not Smt. Rabri Devi, the present Chief Minister of Bihar. Sanction for her prosecution was not required as, during the relevant period, she was not a public servant.

(b) and (c) The matter is now *sub judice*.

(d) and (e) During the last five years, the Central Bureau of Investigation has filed charge sheets in 166 cases against public servants u/s 13(2)r/w 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on grounds of possession of assets disproportionate to known sources of income. Yearwise details are given below :

YEAR	No of Cases in which charge sheets have been filed
1995	37
1996	24
1997	23
1998	33
1999	49

Need to End Violence in J and K

2812 . SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government plan to initiate talks with separate organisations of Kashmir to help restore peace in the militancy hit State;

(b) whether Government also agree that there is an urgent need to work for stopping killings in Jammu & Kashmir;

(c) if so, whether any measures have been chalked out to see how violence could end; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) No such proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) The Government has adopted a multi--pronged approach, to curb militancy in J and K, which includes, *inter-alia* strengthening of border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels improved technology, weapons, equipments for Security Forces. Steps are being taken to flush out militants and curb militant activities including close vigil on border, establishment of more naka parties indepth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

Mistaken Confinement of Businessman

2813. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Cops pick up the wrong man" as reported in the Times of India dated 4th February, 2000;

(b) if so whether due to negligence on the part of Delhi Police, a businessman was mistakenly kept in Tihar Jail for 42 days;

(c) whether Government have fixed any responsibility in this regard and have taken/propose to taken any further action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?